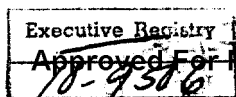


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MacVeagh

Dear Allen

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We read that Foster is coming to San Francisco to address the Chamber of Commerce and I suppose that is an effort to mend the political fences. I wonder if he realizes what his main handicap in California is - a while ago newspapers here came out with a headline to the effect that Dulles threatens that the U.S.A. will resume nuclear testing if the Russians do. The reaction in Calif. is "who is he threatening"? We are surrounded by scientists out here and they agree that "fall-out" is cumulative and the quickest way for humans to acquire some in their bodies is to be in the area of a nuclear test. The grass

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(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE) has had fall-out.

Now everyone knows that Russians & Chinese are not accustomed to drinking much milk but all Americans, particularly Californians drink tons of it, both children and adults, so the question "who is he threatening?" makes some sense, and after the last nuclear tests in Nevada blowing this way Californians are very sensitive on the subject.

Another thing, of course, is that a number of people were frightened over the Quemoy question.

I thought that Foster handled that very well because he avoided Dean Acheson's mistake of saying we wouldn't fight for it while choosing his words carefully enough not to commit us to do it. Jack and I were perfectly confident that he never meant to fight for Quemoy because that would have been a perfectly idiotic thing to do.

also wants to do a little "getting out without
losing face". If so, why don't we agree

to that promptly and we can turn West
Berlin over to West Germany and they
can put their troops in to keep the city
divided as the dual capital of the
federated Germany. I think that
ought to be an easy out for us and not
make Germany much more potentially dangerous
than she is, which we cannot prevent her
being anyway. (When I say "potentially
dangerous" I am talking of your grand-children
time.) It is the German combination of great
physical strength and virility with complete
psychological "fidelity". Can be led anywhere.

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we do wish you and Clara were here.
Much love to you both from Jack and Bobbie Macbeath

All our foreign affairs lately seem to be
 Much ado about Nothing. Obviously
 no one here gives a hoot about either Germany
 or Berlin, but I realize that you and Foster
 know perfectly well that both those situations
 are bound to deteriorate and that Foster
 must be trying to get us out with as little
 loss of face as possible. I can't see why
 we make such a fuss about re-uniting Germany.
 West Germany is already the most powerful
 country in Europe and why build her up?

But the west Germans certainly don't want
 to burden ~~themselves~~ ^{themselves} by integrating East
 Germany into it. They talk about federation
 of East and West Germany and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fact~~ ^{fact}
 has come out for that too. Perhaps he